(c) and (d) One price has been fixed for M/s. Synbiotics Ltd. and one for the other producers under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. Retention prices are fixed based on costs under Paragraph 4 and Paragraph 7 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(e) Different retention prices of Streptomycin have been in vogue right from the inception of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. The fixation of pooled price/common sale price for Streptomycin ensures that TB patients get the formulations at fair and reasonable price. Those having retention price higher than the common sale price/pooled price are paid subsidy from the Drug Prices Equalisation Account.

Import of Mitomycin Injection

1933. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will fne Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 254 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 1986 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Mitomycin and Ble-mycin Injections used for cancer treatment are being imported at very high prices in our coun. try and only available at a price beyond the pocket of even middleman;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a monopoly in the import of these two anti-cancer drugs; and

(c) whether his Ministry is monitoring such cases, if so, what are the findings and what steps have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHERICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF IN DUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHAN-DRA SINGH); (a) No, Sir. Fair prices for these Injections have been fixed under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. 1563 RSI—8

(b) Mitomycin Injection is marketed in India by M/s. Biochem Pharmaceutical Inds. Belmycin Injection by M/s. Khandelwal Labs.

(c) whenever these companies approach for any changes in prices, the import prices are thoroughly scrutinised before allowing any increase in price.

Substandard medicines in DESTT

1934. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re ceived complaints about the purchase of substandard medicines by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking and

(\f) if so, what action has been taken in the matter and what punishment has beenawarded to the officers of the Delhi Electric Supply. Undertaking found guilty in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, the complaints regarding purchase of sub-standard Multigel Syrup and short supply of cotton have been investigated by their Vigilance Deptt. and the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission has-been sought. The action taken by DESU in regard to other complaints includes replacement of medical supplies, withholding payments, cancellation of orders, debarring parties from further business with DESU, and installation of refrigerators for storage of medicines in the dispensaries.